takes time. These proposals have been processed as per the approved modalities.

Lack of employment opportunities in urban areas

†575. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:

Will the Minister of URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that employment opportunities have decreased against the requirement due to sudden increase in population in urban areas of the country during the last decade;

(b) if so, the details in this regard; and

(c) the number of unemployed persons in the urban areas during the year 2004-05 and unskilled unemployed persons out of the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (KUMARI SELJA): (a) to (c) As per the information available from the employment and unemployment Surveys conducted by National Sample Survey Organization, estimated employment in the country on usual status basis has gone up from around 374.5 million in 1993-94 to around 397.0 million in 1999-2000. Details of employment in Rural and Urban areas are as under:

	Employment (in millions)	
	1993-94	1999-2000
Rural	292.0	301.0
Urban	82.5	96.0
TOTAL	374.5	397.0

The number of job seekers, all of whom are not necessarily unemployed, registered with employment exchanges in the country as on 31.8.2005 was 3.98 crore. Skill-wise information is not maintained.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.